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Southern Negroes Ask President Wilson To Give Negroes Square Deal

Mosaic Templars Meet at Montgomery, Ala.

Montgomery, Ala., July 29. The Alabama Grand Lodge Mosaic Templars of America, with seven hundred delegates, representing ten thousand members in the state and one thousand lodges with eighty-nine thousand members in twenty-six states, closed its three days' annual session Saturday. The meeting was the eighth annual session of the Alabama Grand Lodge, held under the jurisdiction of the National Grand Lodge. National Grand Master Wm. Alexander, of Little Rock, Ark., presided.

Reports showed that the National Grand Lodge has $127,000 cash on hand with a $62,000 National Temple in course of erection at Little Rock, Ark. The order claims as members leading Negroes of the country.

J. H. McConico, of Memphis, Tenn., national grand auditor, read at the close of the meeting the following report on "The State of the Country," criticising the Democratic administration.

"We regret to report that a feeling of general unrest seems to hang over the country. Legislative agitation has clogged the wheels of commerce and investment, and business ventures are at a standstill. We delight to congratulate that band of militant Negroes who fought so manly and so well for the success of the Democratis party last fall. The hour has arrived when Negro men must have the courage of their convictions and feel free to ally themselves with any party which offers them better conditions of living. However, we regret that since these Negroes worked so earnestly and were factors in the success of the Democratic party, that it seems that they are to be left in the cold. They are to be given stones for bread and serpents for meat—the fact that they are Negroes has overshadowed the fact that they are men and citizens. The Negroes of this country have fought and achieved a battle that should commend them in living, vivid colors to all men. Throwing off the yoke of slavery fifty years ago, they have endured every persecution known to men, yet have wiped out 70 per cent. of their illiteracy, and starting without a dollar, are now operating fifty-six banks, thirty insurance companies, numerous mercantile houses and have accumulated above $600,000,000 worth of wealth. The men and women of the race have taken high rank in science, art and invention, and we believe that a race with this record is a valuable asset to any political party and should be considered and rewarded according to their several abilities.

The whole nation for weeks past has been disturbed over the California alien land law, as it seems to discriminate against the Japanese and all measures have been used to have the law killed in its infancy.

It is right that men should not be discriminated against because of race where they show proper qualities of citizenship and we pray the President of the United States, while he is using the weight of his might power in behalf of the Japanese, a people who have contributed nothing in the establishment and maintenance of this government, to turn his ear and give heed to the twelve million Negroes in this country who fought in its defense, who gave up muscle and brawn in developing its resources and are now being crushed by prejudice and oppression, and are being denied the rights and privileges guaranteed them by the constitution.

MOBS DENOUNCED

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We want to register our solemn protest against mob law of all kinds. Every man, be he high or low, is entitled to a fair and impartial trial, and the man who snatches the life from a vile brute by the mob law route lowers himself to the plane of his victim. Mob law has no place in this enlightened age and the strong white men of this country whose ancestors fought at Waterloo and Gettysburg and whose courage sent them into the wilds of an unknown wilderness and there overcame and established a mighty government, should rise up and destroy the demon mob law before it so sears and poisions the soul of the white race that it will in turn destroy itself.

We say to the Negro people of the country that the race has much to hope for. Let us turn our persecution and oppression into

factors of achievement. The harder the cross the greater the reward. Let us grow by slow process of evolution. Let us become producers and not consumers in our respective communities. Let us in a straightforward manly way court the friendship of our neighbors. Let us become owners of the soil, landlords instead of tenants, proprietors instead of renters.

Though deep in mire wring not our hands and weep.
I lend my arm to all who say, "I can."
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep
But he might rise and be again a man.

Art thou a mourner?—rouse thee from thy spell.
Art thou a sinner—sins may be forgiven.
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell.
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

RATHER THAN BE A NEGRO, DECIDED TO BE NOBODY. LIFE A FAILURE.

Death Bares W. H. Lee, Publisher, as Negro

Chicago, Aug. 4.—William Henry Lee, the publisher who left an estate of $200,000, which will revert to the state unless relatives appear, was a negro. For years Lee moved in business and socail circles as a white man. His former partner, Fred. C. Laird, admitted today that he had known Lee's secret. The man never married, fearing that his ancestry would be revealed through his offspring. He was 50 years old, and had always posed as a white man.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Southern California Alumni Association meets in regular session Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p. m. in the parlors of Wesley Chapel, 8th and San Julian Sts. Members urged to be present.

Mrs. O. J. Nelson,
Pres.
H. Prince, Secy.

JIM CROWISM AS AN AID TO NEGRO BUSINESS

It is frequently urged by some Negroes that Jim Crowism aids Negro enterprises. Those who make such arguments, need only to investigate conditions North and South, to discover the utter falsity of their position. The fact that the Negroes own many banks, business houses and millions of real and personal property in the South, is said to be due to Jim Crowism and race persecution.

Investigation will prove that this is not the case. So far as the Negro is concerned, business opportunities in the North and South are entirely different. Owing to the fact that the millions of Negroes living in the South are in such close proximity, those who enter business careers have ten chances to succeed, to one in the North and West, due to the fact that the Negro population in the North and West heretofore has been too small to support a paying business. Furthermore, in spite of its numerous draw-backs, slavery made the Negro of the South very largely self-supporting. For instance, the slave who acted as second boss for his master, bought himself a farm as soon after the war as he could buy property. As a result Negroes early became owners of small farms throughout the South

The carpenters, blacksmiths, shoemakers, cooks, butlars, barbers and many other valuable occupations were carried on by colored men. After the war these men continued to follow their trades in their own names. These positions handed from father to son continued to increase as time passed, the Negroes becoming more intelligent. After the war all the porters in stores and hotels were Negroes. These same men sent their boys and girls to school, who did not return to succeed their fathers as porters, but became the business people of the communities in which they lived. The fathers who were porters in stores were ambitious that their sons be owners of stores. It is easy to be seen that fifty years of such training and ambition could do nothing less than build up a great business class among the Negroes of the South. The wonderful progress made by the Negroes of the South along mental, moral and material lines, is not due to Jim Crowism, mobs and persecution, but in spite of them.

While the Negroes have accumulated millions of wealth in the South, untold millions have been lost by them through the operation of Jim Crowism, mobs and persecutions.

THE NORTHERN NEGRO

With his limited opportunities, the Northern Negro has done well. Compared to the Southern Negroes, in numbers they never have been a good handful. And today, the great body of the Negroes in the North and West are Southern and not Northern Negroes who migrated from the South to escape mob violence and Jim Crowism. And a very large percentage of these Southern Negroes represent a monetary sacrifice far greater than their accumulations have been since leaving the South.

Now that thousands of them have made themselves solid by purchasing homes, in their true Southren style, they are beginning to establish business enterprises. And it is only a question of time when they will make their presence felt in the business circles of the North and West as they have in the South.

Let those who believe that Jim Crowism is necessary to Negro business success, visit the splendid tailoring establishment of Mr. Eugene Walker, the Dunston Van and Storage Co; this is one of the largest and best equipped transportation companies in the city. Visit the Dawson Cafe, the Prentiss Dry Goods Store, the Cummins Drug Store, the Flint Gro-

cery, Capt. Hawkins' great Furniture Store and the H. A. Reeves Junk Establishment. No one can claim that the succeess of the firms named is due to Jim Crowism. Each of the firms named have a large white patronage, not because they are Negroes, but because they are business men who run their businesses on business principles.

The most damaging reflection that can be cast upon the Negroe's manhood and intelligence, is the statement by a few that the Negro must be kicked and cuffed around and denied manly consideration in order to force him to build up business enterprises of his own. The desire on the part of Negroes to have their own things and furnish employment for their own sons and daughters, the ambition to furnish their families with the home comforts enjoyed by those around him, is the one incentive that is responsible for the progress the Negroes are making along business lines.

A BIG FAMILY REUNION

On the arrival of Mr. James Prentiss, proprietor of the Prentiss New Idea Store, to the home of his parents in Montgomery, Ala., this week, there will be a big family reunion. Mr. Prentiss is the oldest of twenty-one children, ten of whom will take part in the reunion. Two brothers living in Missouri will not be present. Those taking part in the reunion besides the mother and father will be ten sisters and brothers, fifteen grand children and two great-grand children. The occasion will be celebrated by the marriages of several of the grand-daughters.

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MRS. NOAH D. THOMPSON'S EULOGY ON THE LIFE OF REV. J. W. GOOD

We are called upon today to commemorate the simple life of a man who lived up to the high-water mark of daily duty"—a man who did not wait for the opportunity to do big things but took whatever came under his eye, whatever his hands found to do and made it heroic.

Rev. Mr. John W. Gooch was born in Tennessee some 49 years ago and about 8 years ago came to California, and took up his residence in the Furlong Home Tract. After arriving here, he did not do as many a man would have done, sit and complain of the lack of opportunity to flourish on this Pacific Coast and that the Furlong Tract was an untenanted field of waving weeds as it was at that time, but instead he allied himself with a number of earnest men and women and formed what is known as the Improvement Association of the Furlong Home Tract—an organization that brought the mail service to the people, and placed the lights on 52nd and 55th sts., that were secured through petitions and hard work on the part of the Committee .

Not content with this work of uplift, he became vice-president of the Working Men's Association and finally worked up to the place of proprietor of a flourishing business, employing assistance to carry it on. Besides this, for years he was the executive chairman of the ward precinct whose board consists of men of color. Being well aware that although a man may gain the whole world, if he lose his soul, it profiteth him nothing.

Rev. Gooch, seeing that there were no churches on the Tract, brought into practice that form of religious service called the "Cottage prayer meetings," holding these meetings himself from house to house. So much zeal was manifested on account of these services that he was able to bring about the erection of the Second Methodist Church, of which he afterwards became pastor. So dear was religion to his soul and so broad his charity, that he placed much of his earnings in the construction of this church and even donated the bell.

Here lies a man who was earnest and faithful; who put his life in God's hand and looked to him for the direction of his life-energy.

In behalf of the Woman's Home Industrial Club of the Furlong Tract, in behalf of its president, Mrs. Annie Wesley, who realized the greatness of this man's life, and bade us commemorate it in befitting words, we offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends and to the dwellers of the Tract who have lost a benefactor!

The life of Rev. Gooch illustrates the fact that "God can do great things with our lives, if we but give them to Him in sincerity. He can make them useful, uplifting, heroic. Though he Holds the worlds in the hollow of His hand, He will yet remember each of us and the part we are fitted to play in the eternal drama."

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The Southern California Alumni Association should see to it that its members take no part in the attempt now being made to establish a Jim Crow school at El Centro, in violation of the laws. The Association ought to take the lead in protecting the rights of Negro school children. In all matters of manhood rights, the Association ought to take the side of manhood or disband. Considerable bribery is going on in this Jim Crow business.

Elsewhere in these columns we publish the eloquent tribute paid the memory of the late Rev. Mr. John W. Gooch by Mrs. Noah D. Thompson.

Rev. Gooch was one of our old subscribers and a great lover of his race. The Womens' Home Industrial Club of the Furlong Home Tract did well to commemorate his memory in such befitting words. We join the dwellers in sympathizing with the relatives of the deceased.

The Ninth Street Employment Office is one of the busy places in that section. Mr. Kelly, the proprietor, has established a reputation for square dealing with all doing business with his office; that tells the story. His motto is: "Come and go to work; idleness is mother of most of our troubles."

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REV. KINCHEN RETURNS.

Rev. E. W. Kinchen, who has been absent on his vacation for two weeks, has returned to his work much refreshed.

The pulpit has been ably filled by Rev. Danley, who has looked after the church with as much care and oversight as if the pastor was present. Rev. Kinchen will fill his pulpit Sunday at 11 a. m. His subject will be "The Four Points in the Life of a Square Man or a Square Man."

At 8 p. m.—"The Marvels of Nature and What They Teach Us."

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Mrs. W. J. Bowman and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. Albert Henderson in San Diego. They expect to spend the month of August in the Queen City of the South.

Mrs. Long and grandson, John, are also visiting San Diego for a few weeks.

Miss Bertha Miller, the talented singer of Zion, is visiting with friends in Riverside for a few days.

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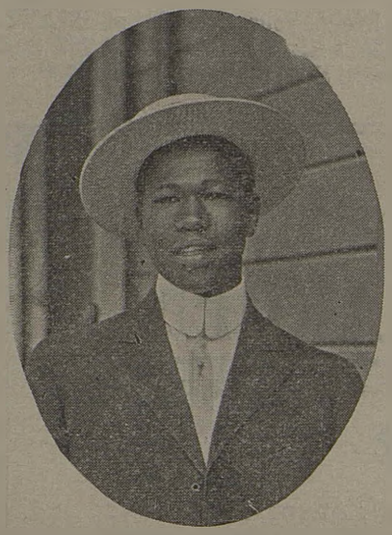

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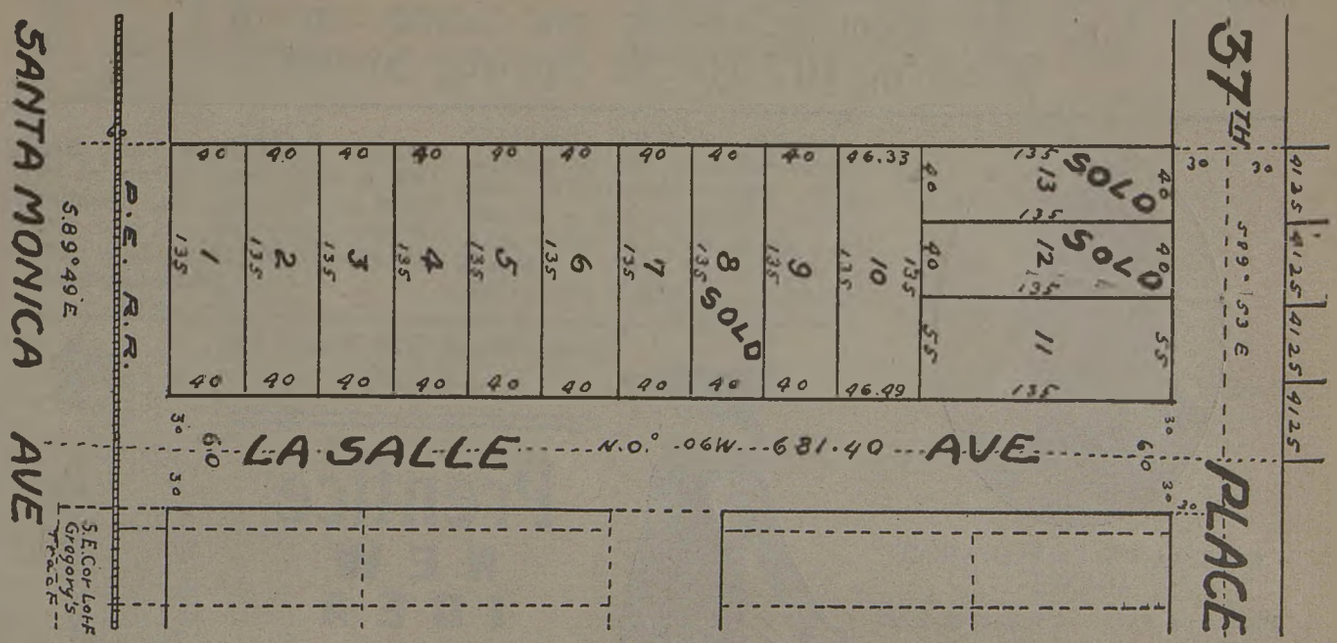

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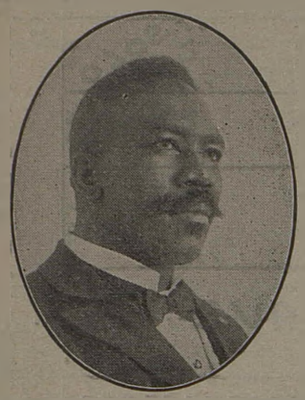

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